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NEW DIRECTIVES FOR FARMLAND RENTING (2 pp; German; 28 Nov 1951)

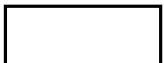
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This two-page typewritten document, dated 28 November 1951, is a directive from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry explaining in detail two official circulars issued jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Justice in July 1950 and on 27 September 1951. These circulars pertain to new regulations about termination of rent contracts for farmland, designed to prevent any farmland from being left untilled. Any renter of farmland who wishes to terminate his contract has to submit a request to the local VDGB (Peasants Mutual Aid Association), which will review the reasons for termination. If it considers the reason valid, such as death, sickness, or old age, a contract termination is granted. However, if the VDGB feels that the reasons are "selfish", such as wishing to get a smaller farm in order to have a smaller compulsory delivery quota, then the contract termination will be denied. In all cases the criterion will be the best for the people's economy.

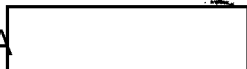
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